GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:343
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KALA AZAR CASES
MADAN PRASAD JAISWAL

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Kala-azar cases detected in various States of the country during the last three years;

(b) whether the Government propose to provide proper treatment to the people suffering from Kala-azar; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 343 FOR 17TH APRIL, 2002

(a) As per the reports received from State Health Authorities, number of Kala-azar cases during the last three years is as follows:-

Sl. No.	Affected States	1999 Cases	1999 Deaths	2000 Cases	2000 Deaths	2001(P) Cases	2001(P) Deaths
1	Bihar	11627	277	12909	130	9905	196
2	West Bengal	1091	6	1244	11	1238	4
3	Jharkhand in Bihar	Included		469	0	475	0
4	Uttar Pr.	81	5	47	0	22	3
5	Delhi+	84	9	84	9	13	1
6	Gujarat+	0	0	0	0	1	0
7	Tamil Nadu+	1	0	0	0	0	0
8	Sikkim	2	0	0	0	0	0
	Total:	12886	297	14753	150	11654	204

P - Provisional
+ - Imported cases

(b) & (c) The problem of control of Kala-azar is addressed under the Kala-azar control Programme, which is a Centrally sponsored programme, and is presently being implemented in the Kala-azar endemic states of Bihar, West Bengal, Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh. The strategy for Kala-azar control adopted under the programme includes:-

(a) Interruption of transmission through vector control by under taking residual insecticidal spraying in affected areas.

(b) Early diagnosis & complete treatment through Primary Health Care System.

(c) Health Education and Community Participation.

(d) Supply of DDT and drugs under the programme including Sodium Stibo-gluconate and Pentamidine.